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SUBJECT: VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS

1. KNAUF HAS HAD AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH KAPPLE, NEAL AND PAYNE REGARDING THE NEED TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THREE ADDITIONAL VEHICLES FOR SFM AT THIS TIME. ESY PROPOSES TO PURCHASE ONE SEDAN, ONE TWELVE-PASSENGER VAN AND ONE SUBURBAN. IN PART, THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSAL IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT ESY FEELS THAT THEY MUST BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED NOW IF THEY ARE TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE VEHICLES DURING THIS MODEL YEAR. TO DELAY UNTIL THE NEXT MODEL YEAR WOULD MEAN THAT THE ORDERS WOULD NOT BE PLACED UNTIL OCTOBER WITH THE ASSOCIATED DELIVERY DATE TO SFM SOMETIME IN EARLY 1979.

2. THE RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE THREE VEHICLES IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SEDAN: THE REMAINING ORIGINAL SEDAN HAS BEEN IN USE AT SFM FOR OVER TWO YEARS AND CURRENTLY HAS AN ODOMETER READING IN EXCESS OF 55,000 MILES. THE SEDAN IS IN FAIR CONDITION BUT HAS REACHED THE POINT WHERE IT WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY MORE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN IT IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION. ESY ESTIMATES THAT THE SEDAN WILL HAVE SURPASSED ITS USEFUL SERVICE LIFE BY SEPTEMBER WHEN A REPLACEMENT, IF ORDERED NOW, WOULD BE RECEIVED.

B. TWELVE PASSENGER VAN: THE EXISTING VAN HAS ALSO BEEN
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DRIVEN OVER 55,000 MILES AND IS AVERAGING 258 MILES PER DAY. ANOTHER VAN IS CURRENTLY BEING PROCURED FOR SFM WITH AN ESTIMATED ARRIVAL DATE OF JULY 15. THE SFM VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT CALLS FOR TWO VANS TO BE USED ON THE R&R RUN TO TEL AVIV. BY THE TIME THAT A SECOND NEW VAN, IF APPROVED NOW, CAN BE PROCURED AND DELIVERED TO SFM THE EXISTING VAN WILL BE OVER 85,000 MILES AND THE SUBURBAN CURRENTLY BEING USED ON THE TEL AVIV RUN (CURRENT

MILEAGE 30,000 MILES) WILL EXCEED 50,000 MILES. AT THIS RATE MILEAGE ACCUMULATION ESY RECOMMENDS THAT A REPLACEMENT FOR THE SECOND VAN NOT BE DELAYED UNTIL OCTOBER. THE EXISTING VAN AND SUBURBAN CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXCEED THEIR SERVICE LIVES PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF VEHICLES ORDER AT THAT TIME.

C. SUBURBAN: THIS PROPOSAL IS BASED ON A RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO THE SFM VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT. THE CURRENT DOCUMENT INCLUDES ELEVEN BLAZERS AND FOUR SUBURBANS WHILE THE CURRENT VEHICLE FLEET INCLUDES TEN BLAZERS AND FIVE SUBURBANS. ESY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DOCUMENT BE REVISED TO REFLECT THE TEN AND FOUR MIX WITH THE CHANGE BEING IN TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE WHICH WOULD GO FROM TWO BLAZERS TO ONE BLAZER AND ONE SUBURBAN. AS CITED ABOVE THE SUBURBAN CURRENTLY USED ON THE TEL AVIV RUN WILL BE IN EXCESS OF 50,000 MILES IN SEPTEMBER. IN ADDITION, ESY ESTIMATES THAT THE TWO OTHER SUBURBANS WILL ALSO EXCEED 50,000 MILES IN SEPTEMBER. WHILE THESE MILEAGE PROJECTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO SOME QUESTION IT IS CLEAR THAT ONE OR MORE OF THE SUBURBANS WILL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1979 WHEN VEHICLES ORDERED IN OCTOBER WOULD ARRIVE AT SFM.

3. THE SFM DIRECTOR HAS REVIEWED THE ESY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE VEHICLES AND THE PROPOSED REVISION TO THE SFM VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT. BOTH HUNT AND KNAUF RECOMMEND THAT SFM TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO AUTHORIZE ESY TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCUREMENT OF THE THREE VEHICLES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE DIRECTOR SSM WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE SAME

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TYPE OF DETERMINATION WHICH WAS MADE ON THE PREVIOUS REPLACEMENT SEDAN BUT IF TOO MUCH TIME IS ALLOWED TO PASS ESY MAY BE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE NECESSARY VEHICLES.

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